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SUBJ: RECONNAISSANCE OF EGYPTIAN SAMS ON EAST BANK

REF: A) USDAO 0141, 211145Z JAN 74

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1. I AM GREATLY CONCERNED BY DATT REPORTS (REF A AND B) CONCERNING FOUR EGYPTIAN SAM SITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON EAST BANK OF CANAL IN SECOND ARMY AREA. AS NOTED REF C, ISRAELI PERCEPTION OF EGYPTIAN INTENTION TO HONOR TERMS OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN DETERMINING HOW OR IF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT PROCEED.

2. AT PRESENT, ISRAELI MILITARY WITH WHOM WE ARE IN CONTACT ARE DISTINCTLY AMBIVALENT IN THEIR READING OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS. ON ONE HAND THEY ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AND SURPRISED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS SINCE JAN 18, AND THAT EGYPTIANS ARE KEEPING THEIR PART OF AGREEMENT IN THIS
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REGARD. ON OTHER HAND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SAM SITES IS SOURCE OF DEEP ANXIETY.

3. QUESTION WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY BOTHERING ISRAELIS IS WHETHER

WE ARE ALREADY SEEING REPLAY OF SITUATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER AUGUST
1970 CEASEFIRE WHEN EGYPTIANS VIOLATED AGREEMENT BY MOVING THEIR
MISSILE SITES TO FORWARD POSITIONS ON WEST BANK OF CANAL. IF THE
EAST BANK MISSILE SITES STAY IN PLACE, GOI MAY BE IN FOR REAL
TROUBLE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE (REF D), LIKUD LEADER
BEGIN ALREADY FLAGGED THIS ISSUE TO PUBLIC ON JAN 15.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.
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